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Strawberry Shortcake™

School Friends

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GUIDED READING LEVEL F

This book is perfect for a **Progressing Reader** who:

- can figure out unknown words by using picture and context clues;
- can recognize beginning, middle, and ending sounds;
- can make and confirm predictions about what will happen in the text; and
- can distinguish between fiction and nonfiction.

Here are some **activities** you can do during and after reading this book:

- Making Inferences: Making an inference means using what you know to make a guess about what you don't know, or reading between the lines. Reread pages 6–9. The author doesn't name the season, but can you make an inference and guess which season is coming? What clues did you use? Next, reread the text and look at the pictures on pages 14–15. How did the girls turn the bookstore into a classroom?
- Make Connections: Have you ever been scared to start school? Discuss how you overcame this fear.

Remember, sharing the love of reading with a child is the best gift you can give!

—Bonnie Bader, EdM
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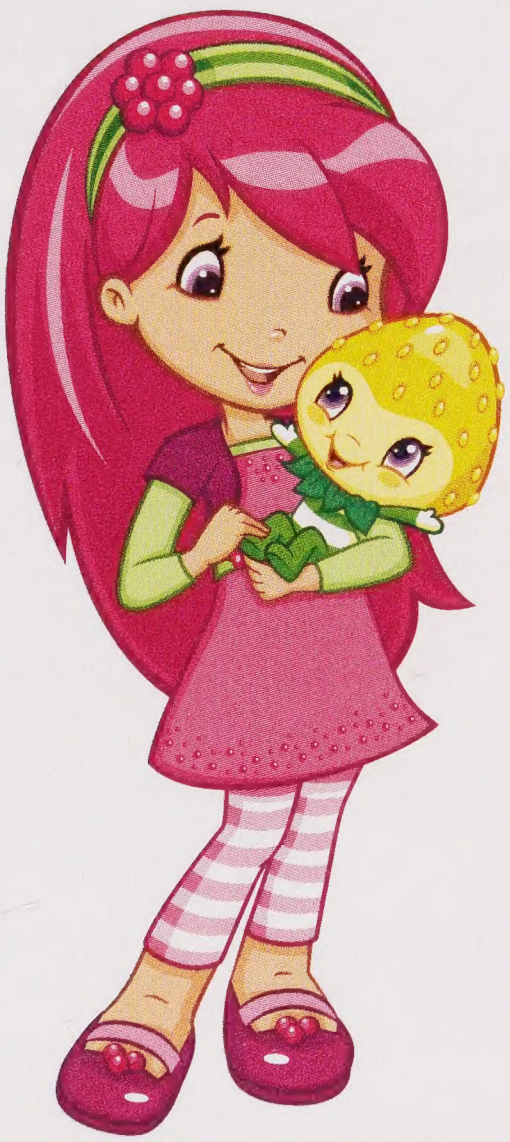

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It is nice outside.

Strawberry Shortcake plays with her friends.

Look!

The leaves are red.

The leaves are orange.

The leaves are falling down.

Summer will be over soon.

It is almost time for school.

The Berrykins have never been to school.

The Berrykins are scared.

Blueberry Muffin has

a great idea.

The girls can play school.

The Berrykins can

play the students.

Who will play the teacher?

The girls turn the bookstore into a classroom. The Berrykins are ready to play the students.

Strawberry is ready

to play the teacher.

Strawberry and Orange Blossom will teach math.

One plus one is two.

Blueberry will teach reading.

The cat sat on a mat.

Lemon Meringue will

teach science.

Mix! Mix! Mix!

Plum Pudding will teach gym.

Throw and catch!

Oh no!

Raspberry Torte is sad.

What will she teach

the Berrykins?

The girls want to help Raspberry.

Lemon has a great idea!

Raspberry can teach
the Berrykins about friendship.

Raspberry is a great friend.

Raspberry teaches the Berrykins how to be good friends.

Raspberry is happy now.

The girls are finished
with their lessons.
The Berrykins are
ready for school!

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The Berrykins are afraid to go to school! Don't worry! Strawberry and her friends will teach them what school is like.

LEVEL 1 **Emergent Reader** (Guided Reading Levels A–D)

LEVEL 2

GUIDED READING LEVEL

E F G H I

Progressing Reader

- Longer sentences
- Simple dialogue
- Picture and context clues
- More in-depth plot development
- Nonfiction and fiction

LEVEL 3 **Transitional Reader** (Guided Reading Levels J–M)

LEVEL 4 **Fluent Reader** (Guided Reading Levels N–P)

AMERICAN GREETINGS

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